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A COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

In the Webster's dictionary, community is defined as a group of people living in the same region, and with common interests.

When it comes to thinking about the region of northern Idaho that we call home, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has a long history here. Our ancestors sustained themselves for thousands of years by living, gathering plants for food, hunting, and fishing the rich natural resources of the region.

But more importantly, through all the significant changes that our Tribe has witnessed, one critical element of our sustenance has been the community~ and our commitment to the common interests and needs of this group of people who reside in the same region.

Today our Tribe is proud of our commitment to the community. We recognize that supporting common interests is critical to the health, success and long-term benefit of all future generations.

That is why the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is adamant about dedicating resources toward projects and initiatives that benefit the common interests we all share in the greater region of northern Idaho and beyond.

Some recent examples of this commitment include:

- A \$100,000 donation to the construction of a new City of Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce building
- Gifting of vehicles to Shoshone County law enforcement
- Undertaking a navigational aids improvement project on the lower St. Joe River
- Continued funding for ongoing management of natural resources in the Lake Coeur d'Alene basin.

Every generation works hard to provide the best resources, the healthiest environment, and the most opportunities for their children. The Coeur d'Alene Tribal family is no different.

We are all Idahoans. And as a group of people who live in the same region as you, we extend a warm invitation to celebrate and support common interests together.

Regards,

Chief J. Allan

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Tribal Chairman Chief Allan presents a contribution toward the construction of a new Chamber of Commerce building in the City of Coeur d'Alene Idaho. The donation comes as part of a continued effort by the Tribe to provide resources to local communities. In the past several years, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has contributed over \$615,000 to local county governments for critical infrastructure and services.

Front row, left to right: Tribal Council Member Ernie Stensgar; Chamber President Jonathan Coe; Tribal Chairman Chief Allan; Tribal Council Member Garry Hendrickx; Tribal Council Member Norma Peone; Back row left to right: Chamber Representative Dan Crawford; Chamber Vice Chair Mark Fisher

"Protection of this valuable resource is a primary focus for the Tribe. Management decisions today are aimed at protecting the lake for many generations to follow, both Tribal and the general public, now and forever."

PHILLIP CERNERA / Lake Management Department Director

CARING FOR THE LAKE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL

Lake Coeur d'Alene is the origin of the Coeur d'Alene people. The lake is the source of pride, recreation, economic benefit and inspiration for many communities. That is why the Tribe recognizes the importance of sound stewardship and partnership as we move forward in protecting and enhancing the lake for many generations to come.

QUALITY INVESTMENTS The Coeur d'Alene Tribe invests millions into improving the lake and the quality of life for all those who enjoy and depend on it. Since 1998, the Tribe has spent approximately \$1 million each year on fish and wildlife habitat protection and restoration efforts throughout the lake watershed. In August 2004, we pledged an additional \$5 million for Lake Management Plan implementation efforts.

COMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP AND NEIGHBORS We are committed to partnering with our neighbors for sound stewardship of the lake. Kootenai and Benewah County representatives sit on our Tribal Lake Management Board. We have allowed the continuation of all previous uses of Tribal waters, both recreational and commercial, and we "grandfathered" existing docks on Tribal Waters.

A VIBRANT ECONOMY The lake economy is important to us all, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe wants to ensure that this economic driver remains healthy and strong well into the future. It is estimated that over a million people visit the lake each year, bringing about \$30 million into the economy. Additionally, many folks own properties on or near the lake. A clean and healthful lake is critical to economic vitality and quality of life for all who love and enjoy the lake.

The Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Department

Our Tribe is serious about sound management of the Lake. This is why we have dedicated an entire department, and employ highly qualified resource professionals to search for answers to the many environmental challenges that face the basin.



Phillip Cerna, Lake Management Department Director. Mr. Cerna has worked for over 14 years with the Tribe in various capacities of natural resource management.

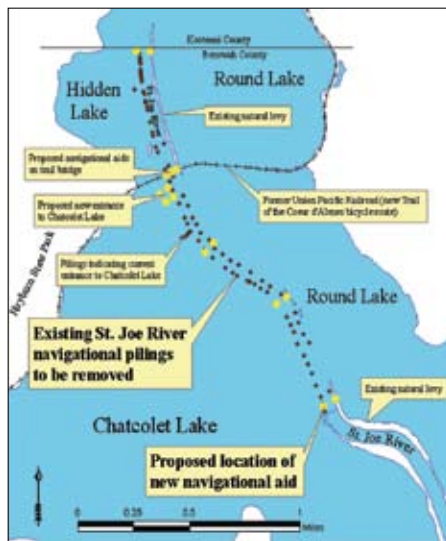
- ▶ Fifteen miles of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes are managed by the Recreation Program of the Lake Management Department.
- ▶ Approximately 3,000 acres of wetland and riparian habitat have been protected in the last three years by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.



LEADERSHIP FOR RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has announced a \$47,000 contribution toward a St. Joe River navigational aids improvement project. With this funding, the Tribe will improve a heavily traveled area of the St. Joe River that lies near a confluence with the Coeur d'Alene Lake.

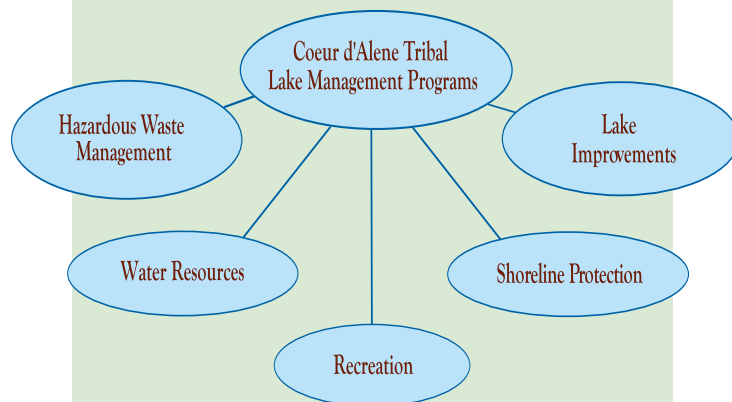
Today the area contains many dilapidated pilings that were once used to define the navigable channel of the open waterway. First, the Tribe will remove old pilings and signs, then new U.S. Coast Guard-approved navigational aids, signage, and lighting will be constructed.



“The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is committed to creating a safe passage for boats in the existing channel,” said Tribal Chairman Chief Allan. “These improvements will immediately enhance boater safety and the enjoyment of the river.”

The project lies in a highly used area by both commercial and recreational boats. In a recent study, it is estimated that 45,000 boat trips are made annually on the St. Joe and St. Maries Rivers. Work on the project will start this summer.

Lake Management Department Structure



PRIORITIZING PUBLIC SAFETY

SHARING RESOURCES Recently, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe donated two law enforcement vehicles to the Shoshone County Sheriff's Drug Task Force and School Resource program. "Part of being a good neighbor is supporting and sharing available resources for the benefit of public safety," said Tribal Chairman Chief Allan. "It just makes sense to support local law enforcement and their officers who protect our communities."



Photo by Estar Holmes: Tribal Police Chief Keith Hutcheson and Legislative Director Quanah Spencer of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe recently presented police vehicles to Shoshone County Sheriff Chuck Reynolds and Undersheriff Mitch Alexander.

PROTECTING LIVES & PROPERTY With some funding sources decreasing for the local Plummer Gateway Fire Protection District, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe stepped in to support the Efforts of the Fire District for the safety of the community. In 2005, the Tribe donated \$50,000. In years 2006-2007, the Tribe will give another \$60,000. "We share a common goal to protect and preserve life and property against fire," said Allan. "Our donation enables the Fire District to continue to meet the fire protection needs of the community."

GUIDING THE WAY Upon the completion of a massive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping project, today local emergency responders are better prepared to fight and prevent fires in the St. Maries and Worley Fire Districts.

"I, along with three other new EMT's, am relatively new to the area and have little knowledge of the local roads. Your maps will undoubtedly help us respond quickly to emergency calls."

RICK ANDERSEN / Emergency Medical Technician / City of Tensed

After the Tribe contributed over \$66,500, matching funds from a state grant, Tribal field crews successfully collected data for about 9,000 structures in the project area. Data collected included information pertinent to how a structure might be vulnerable to fire, such as whether or not a home had a nearby propane tank; a metal roof or a shake shingle roof; or even if a structure was closely surrounded by trees and other fuels.

In addition to structures, Tribal workers also mapped out roads and parcels. Tribal technicians then input the data and gave each fire district a new computer loaded with the GIS system and information, along with hard-copy map books for reference in emergency situations.

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